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REMARKS

- 25X1 1. During the night of 1 September 1952, several tank columns moved out of the  
25X1 Fridericus Kaserne on Altruppiner Allee, Neuruppin (N 53/2 49), and proceeded  
in a westerly direction toward Treskow-Buskow, south of Neuruppin.   
these columns were still absent on 20 September 1952. \*
- 25X1 2.  tank units practiced in the Stoellner Berge 10 km east of  
25X1 Rhinow (N 53/2 17) during the period from 18 to 20 September 1952. \*\*
3. From 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on 9 September 1952, 17 JS-3 tanks   
25X1  and mounting infantry troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulettes  
were observed in forest sections  in the Neuruppin State forest.  
25X1 Three camouflaged AT guns facing south were emplaced north of the tanks at a road  
bend.  the AT guns to have had a caliber of about 100 mm. Infantry  
25X1 troops took up position in the woods just south of Guehlen-Glienicke, on both sides  
of the road in a depth of about 14 meters and south. Eight 122-mm field howitzers  
25X1 also facing south, were emplaced southwest of Rheinsberg-Glienicke. At 2:30 p.m.,  
16 JSU-122 guns  covered with  
25X1 tarpaulins, and 30 new,  three-axle trucks stood on the south shore of  
25X1 Tornow Lake. Four trucks with a 122-mm field howitzers each stood near road marker  
No 67. At 4 p.m., no movements were noticed at the ferry in Neumuehle, with the  
25X1 ferry lying on the western shore. At 4:30 p.m. on 17 September, 10 T-34 tanks and  
25X1 about 20 camouflaged JS tanks stood in the Zechow Hills 2 km west of Zechow and  
south of Rheinsberg. Four tents were pitched up around a fire-place nearby. \*\*\*
4.  the military post hospital on Karl Liebknecht Strasse, at the  
intersection of Fehrbelliner Strasse, still quartered division headquarters   
with Gds Colonel Yurenkov (fnu) identified as division commander. The colonel has  
been due for promotion since 1 May. It was rumored that promotions were stopped  
temporarily due to transgressions by several officers. Gds Lieutenant Balashko  
(fnu) supply officer of the headquarters and, simultaneously, chief supply officer  
25X1 for the military post was waiting for his reassignment.
5. On 12 September, the Fridericus Kaserne on Altruppiner Allee quartered at least  
4,000 troops. The four kitchens in the billeting area were not utilized to capacity.  
Sector A, building No 1, housed the kitchen  and building No 2  
the headquarters of this unit. Building No 5 housed the headquarters of Unit  
Grebenshchikov. The kitchen of this unit was in building No 7. Building No 8 housed  
the headquarters of Unit Zadorosni and building No 9 the kitchen of the unit.

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- Building No 12 housed the headquarters of Unit Toropov who, occasionally, signed papers [redacted] though independent, Unit Toropov was subordinate [redacted] The kitchen [redacted] whose supply officer was Nikitin (fnu) was housed in building No 15. Tanks were parked in garages 9 and 10 in sector B of the billeting area. JS-3 tanks [redacted] were identified there. The workshop unit of Lieutenant Colonel (Tech) Shcherbashin (fnu) was determined in a large workshop building in the northeastern part of sector C. Several soldiers walking to a small athletic field south of kitchen building No 7, were told by a Lieutenant Colonel to leave the place and go to the 71st Regiment, whereupon the soldiers proceeded toward sector B of the barracks installations. Reconditioning and enlargement work in the billeting area was expedited at the beginning of September as an inspection was due on 20 and 21 September. [redacted] the installation was to be inspected by an office higher than an army headquarters.
6. The Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbelliner Strasse was occupied by 200 to 250 soldiers on 12 September. The officers' club of the installation was closed and sealed.
7. Prior to 12 September, building material was continuously dispatched to Gentzrode [redacted] in the See Kaserne on Karl Liebknecht Strasse. [redacted] Gds Lieutenant Colonel Dobrowolski (fnu), the supply officer, was also in Gentzrode almost daily.
8. During the period from 1 to 6 September, the See Kaserne on Karl Liebknecht Strasse was occupied to capacity. On 3 September, 2 JS tanks [redacted] and JSU guns [redacted] drove into the installation.
9. The AAA emplacement on Scholten Strasse was occupied by three or two 37-mm AA guns during the period from 1 to 6 September. Troops engaged in gun drill and athletic exercises.
10. During the period from 1 to 6 September, the Friedrich Franz Kaserne on Fehrbelliner Strasse was about 75 percent occupied. About 75 percent of all quarters were lighted at dusk. Service of the piece drill with three 122-mm field howitzers and 2 x 37-mm AA guns was performed in the barracks yard. On 6 September, 100 soldiers were engaged in athletic exercises and 50 men policed the quarters. [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
11. On 3 September, a driving school with trucks [redacted] left the former girls' school on Fuschkin Strasse.
12. On 3 and 5 September, the low wooden buildings in the training area near Gentzrode east of Wittstocker Allee were vacated. The camouflage tanks stationed there during the preceding weeks were no longer seen. No troops were seen in the training area. Fifty soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and 50 wearing black-bordered black epaulets were engaged in a game of soccer at the entrance of Gentzrode. \*
- [redacted] Comment. The report tends to indicate that, until mid-September 1952, no changes in the occupation of Neuruppin military post have occurred compared with previous information. [redacted]

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25X1 individual installations fluctuate [redacted]  
 25X1 primarily because of the training rotation of units of the 12th Gds Tank Div.  
 25X1 The report confirms the following units of the division in Neuruppin until 12  
 25X1 September: Division headquarters, [redacted] 48th Gds Tank Regt, [redacted]  
 25X1 49th Gds Tank Regt, [redacted] 71st Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, [redacted] 226th Mort  
 25X1 Regt, [redacted] and 87th (?) Ren Bn, [redacted] As for observations regarding  
 25X1 the 226th Mort Regt, it can be reported that no building projects have hitherto  
 25X1 been noticed in the area of Gatzrode. However, [redacted]  
 25X1 among others, the See Kaserne would be occupied by Volkspolizei and the  
 25X1 Soviet troops there would be quartered in a camp. [redacted] The officers  
 25X1 are known from previous reports. [redacted]  
 25X1 [redacted] Comment. [redacted] exercises which, from 16 to 19 September  
 25X1 1952, were conducted in the Puthenow-Rhinow area by units of the Second Gds Mecz  
 25X1 [redacted]  
 25X1 Comment. The area between Neuruppin and Rheinsberg is a training area  
 25X1 repeatedly used by units of the 12th Gds Tank Div. [redacted]  
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